

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/603,890

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 11/12/2004 and the telephonic interview on 12/14/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11-13, 19 and 20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 12/14/2004.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
TUAN T. LAM  
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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Roger W. Blakely (Reg. No.25,831) on 12/14/2004.

The following changes have been made to the subject application:

**Claim 10, non-elected claim, has been canceled.**

**Claim 7:**

Line 1, "6" has been changed to --1--;

Line 2, "a second" has been changed to --an another--;

Lines 12-13 has been deleted;

Line 35, "the current sense circuit" has been changed to --the another sense circuit--, "of claim 5" has been deleted.

**Claim 9:**

Line 2, "second" has been changed to --another--.

The Examiner's amendment has been made in order to comply with the 35USC 112, second paragraph and to place the application in a condition for allowance.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the amendment filed 11/12/2004 has overcome the technical deficiencies and the prior art of record. The prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest first control loop responsive to a reference voltage to clamp the first to second terminal voltages of the first and second transistor to a predetermined voltage,

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and a second control loop providing a sense circuit output current linearly varying with the current through the second transistor as called for in claim 1, a first control loop responsive to a set voltage, mirroring a current proportional to the current through the first transistor to a second transistor while maintaining the voltages between the control terminal and the first terminal of the first and second transistors equal, and also maintaining the voltages between the first and second terminals of the first and second transistors equal, providing a current sense output responsive to the current between the first and second terminals of the second transistor as called for in claim 11, controlling the first and second transistors so that the voltages across the first and second transistors are equal to a reference voltage and independent of the input current to replicate the current in the first transistor in the second transistor in a ratio of  $1/N$  and providing an output that varies linearly proportional to the current in the second transistor as called for in claim 19. Therefore, claims 1-9, 11-13 and 19-20 are presently allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T. Lam whose telephone number is 571-272-1744. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday (7:30 am to 6:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TIMOTHY P CALLAHAN can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tuan T. Lam', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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